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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Jerry PELLETIER

Serial No.:

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For:

METHOD FOR INCREASING THE PROCESSIVITY OF DNA- OR RNA-DEPENDENT POLYMERASE AND COMPOSITIONS THEREFOR

Examiner: S. Hashemi

Group Art Unit: 1637



## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2002, (paper No. 9) for which a response was due on November 1, 2002 and for which a three (3) month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from November 1, 2002 to February 3, 2003 (February 1, 2003 was a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed.